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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Edward Boland
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
H405 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

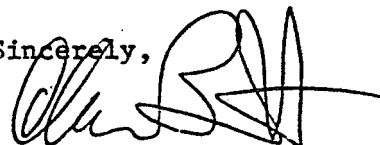
Dear Mr. Chairman:

For several years, I have introduced a bill, now H.R. 131, which would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to provide for comprehensive procedures for the classification and protection of sensitive national security information. I think you will agree with me that the current system could use more consistency and certainty in the procedures by which material is classified. My bill would add much of this needed consistency and certainty.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would again request comments from the C.I.A. and any other appropriate agencies, so that your committee will be able to more adequately consider the bill.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Charles E. Bennett

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97TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 131

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to establish by law procedures for the classification and protection of sensitive information relating to the national security, to provide criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosure of such information, to limit matters that may be classified and impose penalties for unauthorized classification, to provide for declassification, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1981

Mr. BENNETT introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*